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Amendments To The Claims:

This listing of claims will replace the previously filed claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A lacrosse stick comprising:

a lacrosse stick handle; and

a lacrosse an articulated head connected to the lacrosse stick handle; and

an articulation mechanism disposed between the lacrosse stick handle and

the lacrosse stick head.

2. (Currently Amended) The lacrosse stick of claim 1, wherein the

articulated <u>lacrosse</u> head is connected to the <u>lacrosse stick</u> handle by an <u>the</u> articulation

mechanism.

3. (Currently Amended) The lacrosse stick of claim 21, wherein the

articulation mechanism is located between an end of the lacrosse stick handle and a base of the

lacrosse head.

4. (Withdrawn) The lacrosse stick of claim 2, wherein the handle comprises

a first handle portion and a second handle portion and the articulation mechanism connects the

first handle portion and the second handle portion.

5. (Currently Amended) The lacrosse stick of claim 1, wherein the

articulation mechanism is contained within the <u>lacrosse</u> head and <u>lacrosse stick</u> handle.

6. (Currently Amended) The lacrosse stick of claim 1, wherein the lacrosse

head is moveable from a longitudinal axis of the lacrosse stick handle to a displacement angle of

up to about 60 degrees.

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- 7. (Original) The lacrosse stick of claim 6, wherein the displacement angle is from about 1 degree to about 10 degrees.
- 8. (Original) The lacrosse stick of claim 6, wherein the displacement angle is from about 2 degrees to about 5 degrees.
- 9. (Currently Amended) The lacrosse stick of claim 1, wherein the <u>lacrosse</u> head is moveable from a longitudinal axis of the <u>lacrosse stick</u> handle to first and second displacement angles of up to about 60 degrees each.
- 10. (Original) The lacrosse stick of claim 9, wherein the first displacement angle and the second displacement angles are oriented in opposite directions from each other.
- 11. (Original) The lacrosse stick of claim 10, wherein the first and second displacement angles are the same.
- 12. (Original) The lacrosse stick of claim 10, wherein the first and second displacement angles are different.
- 13. (Currently Amended) The lacrosse stick of claim 1, wherein the <u>lacrosse</u> head is articulated in a direction in which a lacrosse ball would <u>exist</u> exit the <u>lacrosse</u> head.
- 14. (Currently Amended) The lacrosse stick of claim $2\underline{1}$, wherein the articulation mechanism comprises:
 - a first element having an extended portion; and

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a second element having an interior that is sized to allow the first element to

at least partially engage the interior and move from a first position to a second position within the

interior.

15. (Original) The lacrosse stick of claim 14, wherein the first element and the

second element are connected by a fastener that allows the first element to pivot or hinge with

respect to the second element.

16. (Currently Amended) The lacrosse stick of claim 14, wherein the extended

portion comprises at least one projection, the projection extending substantially perpendicular from

a longitudinal axis of the extended portion, projections and the second element comprises at least

two pieces structured and arranged to be fitted together over the at least one projection projections.

17. (Original) The lacrosse stick of claim 14, wherein the second element

comprises a resistive material in the interior.

18. (Original) The lacrosse stick of claim 17, wherein the resistive material is a

polymeric foam, a polyurethane bushing, a coiled spring, a living hinge or a metal or polymeric

composition having at least some elasticity.

19. (Currently Amended) The lacrosse stick of claim 21, wherein the articulation

mechanism comprises:

a first element;

a second element; and

a move bar comprising at least one pivotable fastening element connected

to the first element and second element.

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20. (Currently Amended) The lacrosse stick of claim $2\underline{1}$, wherein the articulation mechanism comprises a ball and socket assembly.

21. (Withdrawn) The lacrosse stick of claim 2, wherein the articulation

mechanism comprises a living hinge.

22. (Withdrawn) The lacrosse stick of claim 2, wherein the handle portion

comprises a Y-shaped area having a yoke, the articulation mechanism comprises at least one first

element which pivotally connects the head portion to the Y-shaped area and at least one second

element disposed on the handle portion for restricting at least some flexure of the head portion

with respect to the handle portion.

23. (Withdrawn) The lacrosse stick of claim 2, wherein the head portion

comprises a first head portion and a second head portion, and the articulation mechanism

articulates the first head portion with respect to the second head portion.

24. (Currently Amended) The lacrosse stick of claim 2, further comprising a

radially-expandable system comprising a plurality of generally triangular offset wedges and a

tightenable fastener disposed within the plurality of wedges, wherein the fastener is disposed

within at least one wedge at a position that is off-center from at least one other wedge.

25. (Currently Amended) The lacrosse stick of claim 21, further comprising a

locking mechanism for restricting the flexure of the <u>lacrosse</u> head portion with respect to the

lacrosse stick handle portion.

26. (Currently Amended) An articulated lacrosse stick comprising:

a lacrosse stick handle; and

a lacrosse head; and

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means for articulating the <u>lacrosse</u> head with respect to the <u>lacrosse stick</u>

handle.

27. (Currently Amended) The lacrosse stick of claim 26, wherein the means

for articulating the <u>lacrosse</u> head comprises an articulation mechanism for displacing the <u>lacrosse</u>

head portion from a longitudinal axis of the <u>lacrosse stick</u> handle portion by a displacement angle

of up to about 60 degrees.

28. (Original) The lacrosse stick of claim 26, wherein the displacement angle is

from about 1 degree to about 10 degrees.

29. (Original) The lacrosse stick of claim 26, wherein the displacement angle is

from about 2 degrees to about 5 degrees.

30. (Withdrawn) An articulation mechanism for use with a lacrosse stick having

a head and a handle, the articulation mechanism comprising:

a first element; and

a second element connected to the first element such that the first element

can pivot, hinge or flex with respect to the other element.

31. (Withdrawn) The articulation mechanism of claim 30, wherein the first

element is moveable from a longitudinal axis of the second element by a displacement angle of up

to about 60 degrees.

32. (Withdrawn) The articulation mechanism of claim 31, wherein the

displacement angle is from about 1 degree to about 10 degrees.

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33. (Withdrawn) The articulation mechanism of claim 31, wherein the displacement angle is from about 2 degrees to about 5 degrees.

- 34. (Withdrawn) The articulation mechanism of claim 30, wherein the first element is moveable from a longitudinal axis of the second element to first and second displacement angles of up to about 60 degrees each.
- 35. (Withdrawn) An articulation mechanism for use with a lacrosse stick having a head and a handle, the articulation mechanism comprising:

means for connecting the head to the handle; and means for displacing the head from the longitudinal axis of the handle.

- 36. (Withdrawn) The articulation mechanism of claim 35, wherein the means for displacing displaces the head from the longitudinal axis of the handle by a displacement angle of from about 1 degree to about 60 degrees.
- 37. (Withdrawn) The articulation mechanism of claim 35, wherein the means for displacing displaces the head from the longitudinal axis of the handle by a displacement angle of from about 2 degrees to about 10 degrees.